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Appln. No. : 09/924,823  
Applicant : Fitzpatrick, *et al.*  
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**OFFICIAL RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the office action mailed June 30, 2004 (Office Action), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

(WP197956;1)

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